LOCAL ITEMS.

Kind friends and 'patrons, one and all Our paper to-day is very small: Christmas you know has come We gave our printers holiday

And this is all we have to say, Our "devil" is on a bum.

Our legislators have returned home. Life is real-so is the bite of a bumble

E:McCond has erected a sign over his Trade Palace.

Who ever saw better roads and more

delightful weather for Christmas. THE ADVERTISER will receive on New

Year Day-back pay from subscribers. Reveral; young ladies and gentlemen from this place, will attend the ball at Greenwood on Thursday evening.

Married, Sunday, Dec. 27th, by Rev. Fed Burdett, Mr Joun R. FRANKS and Miss NEEZIE MONTJOY; both of Laurens

The employees of this office have been enjoying the festivities of the season, consequently, no apology is needed for our appearance this week. A certain married man in town, it is

said, recently soliloquized thus: "Before I was married I thought I could cat my wife, and since, I have often wished I

Married at the residence of the bride's father, at Cross Hill, S. C., on Thursday evening, Dec. 24, Mr. WILLIAM BRYSON and Miss BETTIE LEAMAN, by the Rev. T. B. CRAIG.

Mr. BEAN, the painter, was temporarily crazed on Sunday last by morphine and whiskey. He became so wild that the authorities found it necessary to

On the night of the 23d inst., two bales of cotton, the property of Mrs. DUNKLIN, were damaged by fire to the extent of about \$20.00. It is supposed that a spark from fire-crackers, was the cause.

A few evenings ago a certain young man who wields the yard-stick in a dry goods store in town, went calling a few miles in the country. At what hour he bade the fair one adieu, we have not been informed, but you may imagine the chagrin of the "old man" next morning when he discovered; that his fevorite pony was missing. The old centleman sent the young man's horse into town and received his own, which was taken by mistake.

To all young men in his condition, we extend the sympathy of the ADVERTI-

Besignation Tendered.

We regret to learn that Senator Topp, on account of ill-health, has been compelled to resign. The contest for the Senatorship at the next election will doubtless be lively. Col. Topp is a true man and has made a faithful reprerensative of the people. His many friends sympathize with him in the affliction which forces this action.

The Rainbow Operetta.

This entertainment, given at the College Chapel on last Wednesday evening, under the special direction [of Miss No-BA KING, was certainly complimentary to her management and highly creditable to the institution with which she is connected.

As an amateur performance, the Ope rofts was undoubtedly the best entertainment over given in Laurens. It is impossible to give a datailed account of the special "hits," but each of the twenty-two young ladies performed thier parts well. The songs, like the costume: the young ladies, were varied, and each of the singers, with pathos or mirth to ouit the sontiment, rendered the music in a manner that evinced thorough training. When it lis' known that the entertainment was almost impromptu, as the time for practice was quite short, we feel sure all present will agree that the institution that has been the means of developing such wonderful talent, deserves a formost rank among the fe male colleges of the State.

The Tournament.

Judging from the elaborate preparations that have been made during the past few weeks, one would almost be ready to conclude that the time when men were willing to settle their differences at the point of the sword, had not past, and our young men were seeking to revive the ancient custom. The Tournament which took place on Friday last, however, was ample compensation for the labor bestowed in getting it up. The utmost harmony and good will prevailed among the generous rivals who sought to crown himselve with glory and his "fair one" with roses.

Thirteen Knights entered the contest as follows:

Knight of Arabia, Walter A. Wharton; Aurora Borealis, Perry A. Simpson; Khight of Carolina, L. E. Irby; Knight of Cross Anchor, Mr. Ray; Knight of the Forest, James Barksdale; Knight of the Garter, W. J. Hunter; Knight of the Lone Star, B. Wharton; Knight of Laurens, - Cox; Knight of the Red Cross, J. B. Cooper; Knight of Union. Mr. Eldridge Davis; Knight of the Scottish Chief, Lee Simpson; Knight of the Golden Cross, Frank Shell; Knight of the

Pink Cross, W. H. Barksdale. The first prize was won by Lee Simpson, he having taken 3 out of 9 rings. As Queen of Love and Beauty, he placed the crown upon the brow of Miss Bessie

The Maids of Honor were crowned as follows: First, Miss Annie Simpson by Mr. Davis; second, Miss Mattie Burnside by J. R. Cooper; third, Miss Gussie

Barrett by Mr. L. E. Irby.

The occasion was certainly an enjoy able one, and it is now proposed to let the married men try their skill.

Personal.

Mrs. HARRINGTON and son, PEARCE. are visiting relatives in town.

Dr. JOHN A. BARKSDALE has returned from the Forestry Congress, which me: in Florida a short time since.

Messrs, BILLIE BALL and SAMMIE GARLINGTON, students of the South Carolina College, are spending the Holi-

days at home. Missis FLORENCE and MAMIS CAMP-MRIA, TRIBERSA DAVERYORF and BESSIS WATES, of Cross Hill, spent several days with triangle here during the holidits.

New Year's Day will be observed in Laurens in the usual way. New Year calls will be the order of next Friday The ladies at the college will receive their friends, old and young, from 2'o clock to II p. m. and will endeavor to make it pleasant for all who call. Other ladies in town will receive and entertain their friends but we have been unable to get the programme in time for press and only feel authorized to say that to such as will lay aside business and household duties, a pleasant day of social enjoyment is in store. We are glad to see the spirit of sociability again becoming the order of the day in Laurens and look to great things as the result thereof.

On New Year Eve

The drawing for prizes-musical dress ase and life-size doll—will take place at WILKES' Book and Drug Store, Thursday, Dec. 31st. at 8 o'clock, P. M. All ticket-holders are requested to be pres

The Christmas tree will be lighted on on this occession.

The fortunate numbers will be published in our next issue.

County Correspondence.

DORROH P. O.

JOE PRINCE.

The present week, in this part of the ounty, appears to be devoted mainly to the pastime of moving. Only those who are rich, and therfore under no ne cessity to change their place of abode are deprived of this luxury.

I once heard a man say that the Itel was too good for poor folks, there is such a luxury in scratching. But you can't deprive them of moving.

I am glad to find that the good old fashion of running away from Debt to come in vogue again. A few of our citizens have resorted to the expedient and it has worked well, so far, i. e. for the neighborhood.

Everything now must bend to the gerns theory of Disease. Accordingly I find it stated in a Medical Journal that Prof. Meariden has discovered the germ of kleptomania. It is a very small thing and in the shap of an Interogration point. Hence it is called the "Interrogative Micrococcus." The learned Professor has ben carrying on some interestin experiments in the way of Moculations, but was forced to suspend, as somehow or other his preparations got scattered, and the whole town turned out to stealing. So we go.

Mr. John Riddle has a very intelligent cow. She will go to the persimmon tree, lock her horns on it," and shake down the persimmons, just like white folks.

It appears that Laurens is to be cheated at every point on the G. & L. R. Road. I am informed on good 'authority that only about \$20000, of our money was spent in grading up to the County line, the rest has been spent in Greenville. The next big cheat was the one which deprived Laurens of the advantages of a competing line, and then came the locating of the principal Depot entirely on the Greenville side. This Depot, with the town that will spring up around it, will in a few years represent many thousand dollars of taxable property, but yet Greenville must have it all just because Laurens slept.

John Shockley says that when a man moves out on the railroad it just takes three days to learn to smoke eigar about as gracefully as any body.

News is still very searse, but I think I can muster some in a few days.

One of our preachers lately had a good deal to say in his sermon about Genoa, the birth-place of the great Navigator. One of his auditors didn't quite "catch on," but went home and told his folks that it was the first time he had ever heard that Noah had a given name; he reckon it was George, as the preacher called him G. Noah.

called him G. Noah.

A regular meeting of Lisbon Farmers' Club, bec. 19th 1885, met to discuss the "Best mode of preventing land from washing," and was opened by Mr. Shaw who asked that the secretary read an essay of Mr. Wofford, of Spartanburg, on Terracing. Mr. Shaw then spoke of the benefits he had received from his terraces this year; that it was the way to save our lands and cause them to retain moisture.

Mr. Wharton said he had very little experience in terraces, but from what he had read, was in favor of them

Mr. Cunningham said that in coming here, he had seen where a wagon had passed over his field and had made almost a gully. That if there had been a terrace there it would not have been.

Mr. Terry said he did not favo been.

Mr. Terry said he did not favo anything about it from experience, but he knew that rows run on a level would stand a longer drouth.

Dr. Wright said he had been so impressed with the idea of terracing that he had triedit on his wheat land without any instrument.

Mr. Holmes said that in traveling

pressed with the idea of terraeing that he had tried to his wheat land without any instrument.

Mr. Holmes said that in traveling over the country to-day, it was a said thing to see how badly the and was washing; that terraeing or something else would have to be done to stop it.

Mr. Young thought that terraeing was better than ditching, as rows next to the terrace would make about as much as if there was a row between.

Dr. Anderson said he was pleased with Mr. Wofford's essay, and that we ought to give terraeing a trial; that he had stopped washes by hauling litter and putting it in incipient guilles, as much as a wagon load in a place across the gully, and plough just as if there was no litter there. Another way to stop washes was to drive stobs across the wash, and wattle in brush.

A meeting was called for Jan. 2d, 1886, to decide about getting guano by the carload.

It was also Resolved. That each man

ar load.

It was also Resolved, That each man give an account of what he had done this year on the farm, at the regular meeting Jan. 1883.

R. H. YOUNG, See'y.

Insurance Ricense.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER

GENERAL.

Columbia, S. C., ? October 19, 1885. I certify, that Mess. Kelly, Hampton & Kelly, of Laurens, Agents of The Rochester German Ins. Co., incorporated by the State of New York, has complied with the requi-sitions of the Act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act to regulate the Agences of Insurance Companies not incorporated in the State of South Carolina" and I hereby license the seid Kelly, Hampton & Kelly, Agents aforesaid to take risks and transact all business of Insuraode in this State, in the County of Laurens, for and in behalf of said Company.

W. E. STONEY, COMPTROLLER GENERAL

Mr. Johnson and Prohibition Again.

The Herald denies that it ever accused me of having any interest in the whiskey business. That de-nial is satisfactory; but I insist that understand exactly to help the whiskey men. In this Complaint Filed. language the secret comes out. To the Defendants above-named—The Herald does not like for a temperance man to frankly confess the is a falure. My friend says "tell the truth." But when I tell it, bepet scheme! I step on his corns! There is much truth in the old saying that "the truth is what hurts."

interviewed many more, with about the same result. Nor have I stopped there, I have con-versed with a number of ladies who frankly confess that from plaint. what they can learn "prohibition does not prohibit." The Herald drowning man like, catches at straws. "Twenty four" men thought that public sentiment had not enforced the law against the illegal cale of liquors; but the Herald gets some of them to admit that a jury, with sufficient proof would convict in every instance. I never said that a jury would not convict men who violate the statute. But I say that juries must have proof! Whence must come the evidence? This is a local matter. The people of Laurens County at large are not going to meddle with violations of law here. Every crime is an offense against the community; but that individual or set of individuals directly injured are expected to put the wheels of government in operation. This is done by arresting the offender and getting up the testimony. The Courts do the balance. If the people of the town of Laurens do not put themselves to the unpleasant task of getting up testimony in such cases, I assure the *Herald* that "a jury" will never have "sufficient proof" to convict Are the people here going to furnish "sufficient proof?" One year of no-license has passed and no jury

has had it. Give the law a trial! When the town was voted dry it was not done with the understanding that for half of the two yeers it would be a dead letter and a faree. Give the law a chance! How many thousand times has it been enforce it. Give the law a chance, others. Half of its existence is spent, but we find no fruit. A tree that bring-eth not forth fruit shall be hewn down and cast into the fire. "Even if every violation of the Local Option Law henceforth shall be punished it will have accomplished but half of what the Herald promised a year ago. We were told then that whatever might have been the effect in '81 here, whatever might be the effect elsewhere, that the law would be enforced strictly this

The Herald repeatedly refers to the two indictments now pending

in the Courts of General Sessions.

Does the Herald know that an indictment is only a charge sustained by "sufficient proof" not to convict, but to show that the State has made out a *prima facie* case? It does not follow that the defendants will be convicted; for the State may fail to furnish "sufficient proof" to satisfy a jury of guilt. Granted that the parties are found guilty, then at the end of thirteen months we will have two convictions out of ten thousand violations. ished, what becomes of our town ordinance. Do we expect the people of the County to come in and help us to manage our little city government? No, sir; the people of this town are responsible for the state of things now existing. It is the town, not the country, I have ac-

cused of a lack of public sentiment. to wit:
What has the answer of dry men, Youn as to how the town would vote now, to do with the question? Nothing? The Herald so says. I thought it showed that so many people had been disgusted that they were un- Jan. 7th. willing ever again to straddle such a farce over a community.

"The cat ought to be belled." Yes; enforce the law or repeal it. 9th. "Out with it," says the Herald. St "Let us know who these very men' are." Well, neighbor, my side of the town is dry. The leaks are nearer yournose than mine. Keep Sulliva's Jan. 12th. Waterloo Circumspice. Keep a closer watch over your neighbors, and I assure you that prohibition will prohibit in Laurens. Keep the places "round about' the Herald office

J. T. JOHNSON.

Special Notice.

All persons indebted to me either. by note or account are earnestly requested to settle by Jan. 1st. 1886. My business must be closed by that time. All who fail to come and make satisfactory arrangements in some way, will find their notes and accounts in the hands of an officer for collection.

S. R. TODD.

Laurens ACADEMY

The next Session will begin Jan, 4th, and will continue six months. Each mpil will be exceptly governed and thoroughly instructed.

Tuition \$2.50 per month. No decine-ties made for absence except in cases of mother leads with the session of mother leads with the session of mother leads to the session of the se

State of South Carolina,

LAURENS COUNTY,

IN OOURT COMNON PLEAS. Nancy Balentine, David F. Balcatine, Robert M. Balentine and his editorial was susceptible of that interpretation. Read between the against William I. Baleatine and lines it means, I take it, that none, E. T. H. Daniel as administra-except the "whiskey interest" and tors of the estate of John men of no standing, believe that Balentine, deceased, William J. prohibition is a failure in Laurens. Balentine in his own right, A. L. "Some good people seem puzzled to Balentine, Warren C. Balentine, understand exactly what he liby T. Balentine, Catherine II. Pitts means," says the Herald. "None Elizabeth Daniel, Jane Knight, Adia are so blind as those that will not Gaines, Margaret Balentine, Jno. A. The Herald will say on its Balentine, Eddie Balentine, Letiti. own behalf, that Mr. Johnson's as- Pitts, Haseltine Balentine, John L sertions regarding the workings of the prohibition law in this place Cleveland and Lizzie Balentine, certainly have that effect," that is, Defendants—Summons for Relief,

You are Hereby Summoned unpleasant truth, that prohibition and required to answer the complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of Clerk Court, for Lauhold I interfere with my friend's rens County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office at Laurens C. H., South Carolina, Yes, I attach considerable impor- within twenty days after the ser tance to my interview with "fifty- vice her of, exclusive of the day of three men." Since that time I such service; and if you fail to vice her of, exclusive of the day of answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the com-

J. T. JOHNSON, Plaintiffs' Attorney.

Dated Dec. 8th, A. D. 1885. G. W. SHELL, C. C. C. P.

To the Defendants Haseltine Balentine, John L. Balentine, Ina Cleveland and Lilly Cleveland-You will please take notice that the summons and complaint in this action were filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Laurens County, South Carolina, on Dec. 8, 1885. J. T. JOHNSON,

Plaintiffs' Attorney, 85, 20

State of South Carolina,

LAURENS COUNTY,

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

James W. Copeland & Co. rs. Agnes J Hellams, et al. Pursuant to judgment for sale in the above stated case, I will sell at unblie outery, at Laurens C. H., S. C., during the legal hours for sale Salesday in January next, being Monday the 4th day of the month,

the following described property All that tract of land lying, being and situate in the County and State aforesaid, containing One Hundred and fifty-eight acres, lated? One violation is sufficient more or less, and bounded by lands to make an honest effort at least to of M. Teague, John Walker, and

Terms: One-half of the purchase money to be paid cash; and the balance on a credit of twelve C. H., S. C., on Salesday in January months, with interest from day of sale, secured by the bond of the of the month, within the legal purchaser and a mortgage of the premises. Parchaser to pay for

Resold at the risk of the former defaulting purchaser, Mrs. N. E. Davenport

C. D. BARKSDALE, Master, L. C.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

Fiscal Year 1885-1886.

IN pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of S. C., appoved Dec. the 24th, 1884, a general assess ment of property for taxation will commence on Jan, the 1st, 1886, and continue until the 20th day of Feb- at my office. Granted, too, that every offense uary. All property, both Real and against the State law shall be punation, and all changes in realty my office at Laurens C. H. will be and for the convenience of the taxpayers, I will also attend at the following places at the time specified,

Young's Township, Young's Store, Young's Township, W. B. Par-

son's, Jan. 6th. Dial's Township, D. D. Harris'

Dial's Township, W. B. Stoddards, Dial's Township, Goodgion's Jan.

Sullivan's Township, Tumbling Shoals, Jan. 11th. Sullivn's Township, Brewerton,

Waterloo Township, Daniel's Store, Jan. 13th. Waterloo Township, Geo. Moore's

Jan. 14th. Waterloo Township, Waterloo, Jan. 15th. Cross Hill, Township, Cross Hill,

Jan. 18th.

ville, Jan. 23rd.

Cross Hill, Township, Spring Grove, Jan. 19th. Hunter's Township, Milton, Jan.

Hunter's Township, Goldville, Hunter's Township, Clinton, Jan. Scuffletown Township, Triers-

Jack's Township, Reynosa, Jan. Jack's Township, Roseborough, Jan, 26th.

All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years are taxable Polls, except those who are incapable of earning sup-port by being mained or from any other Owners of Real Estate will take Notice that Full Returns of Real Property will be rebuired.

After the 20th day of Feb., 1886, 50 per cent, penalty will attach on all property not listed for taxation. G. M. LANGSTON.

County Auditor.

COUNTRIES AND CLIMES

to the loving and absent ones, and tenderly touch the "little hearts" with some sweet or amusing souvenier of Kris Kringle. As a present for mother, wife, sister or sweetheart, we shew some choice and remarkably cheap selections. These are substantial goods and will last longer than a season, and will tend to remind he recipient longer than the Holidays.

Gift No.1.

Our \$3.00, Dress 12 yds. Elegant Dress Goods in Wine, Garnet, Navy Blue, Brown & Black at 20 ets 1 yd. Velvet Trimming to 4 yds. Lace to match 4 yds. Calico for skirt lining 2½ yds. Drill for Waist and .28. Sleeve lining 1 yd. Wigan for stiffening skirt .10. Spool of Thread .05. 1 doz. Elegant Buttons .25.

Gift No. 2

12 yds. Elegant, Changeable

Brocade Dress Goods or a

combination suit of 7 yds.

Solid and 5 yds. Plaid or

Brocade worth 33 1-3 ets. \$1.00.

Gift No. 4.

Total.

6 yds, Gilberts Flannel 85 ets, \$5.10 Trimmings the same as Dress

\$1.38. With a full line of trim-With 12 yds, Gilt Mixed Braid ,90, and I yd. of Velvet to match

Total. \$7.03. This Superb Dress complete \$5,00 Making a Total of Our \$3.78 ets. Dress.

mings as above

Gift No. 3 The Greatest yds. Lupins 40 inch Blue Black Cashmere worth Giets. \$5,20. 4 yds. Simpsons solid Black Calico at 7 cts 24 yds. Drilling 10 ets. yd. Wigan 1 doz. Elegant buttons .25 1 Spool of Silk 40 ets, 1 Spool Twist 5 ets. I Spool of thread .20.

1 Skirt Braid .10. Total. This splended Garment com.

2 Whale bones

Cift No. 5.

16 yds. (Ponsons) Lyons Silk with a pretty Lustre and heavy Gros Grain worth \$1.50. \$24.00.

with Linings, Buttons, Thread, Whale Rone, Crinoline, Skirt Braid &c. &c. amounting to \$2.10.

Total. \$26.10, This the hansomesg of all Dresses only \$17.50.

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Partition.

Master's Sales.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

LAURENS COUNTY. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Bluford C. Burns, Plaintiff against Kesiah Burns,

and others. Pursuant to Judgement for sale a the above stated case, sell at public outery, at Laurens next, being Monday the 4th day hours for sale, the following des-

'ounty and State aforesaid: All that tract of land containing Two hundred and seventythree acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of W. E. Crisp, Young Garrett, Abner Owens,

cribed property, situate in the

Martha A. Owens, and others. The above mentioned tract of Two Innelect and seconts the has been divided into four tracts, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4; and tracts Nos. 2, 3 and 4, containing respectively, 72 acres, 60 acres, 94 acres will be sold.

Also, all that tract of land containing Fifty-three acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of Kesiah Burns, Lewis Burns, Young Garrett, and others.

Plats showing the metes and bounds of these lands may be seen

Terms--One-third of the purchase money to be paid eash; and the balance on a credit of one and since May, 1884, must be noted in two years, with interest from the returns. During the above time day of sale. The purchaser to give two years, with interest from the bond and a mortgage of the premopen for the reception of returns, ises to secure the credit portion, and to pay for papers.

C. D. BARKSDALE, Master, L. C. CLOSING . OUT

On and after this, 15th day day of December, I will sell my entire stock of

GROCERIES.

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Photographer.

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Call and get a shadow before the substance fades.

Pictures taken on a cloudy as well as a fair day. J. R. GLAZENER.

D. SHEALAN M. ANDERSON, COTTON AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,

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. per bale storage Liberal CASH ADVANCES made on Cotton in Store. PERSONAL ATTENTION given to Weighing and Solling. Office and Warehouse, 964 Reynolds St., Augus 4, 646.

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